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SUMMARY

Moscow has three basic options:

--to continue to support the present regime and tolerate its conciliatory approach toward the worker's movement,

--to pressure the Polish Party to replace Kania with a stronger leader willing to use force against the workers, or

--to invade Poland.

Without attempting to predict the ultimate outcome, this paper lays out the pros and cons Moscow might see for each of these courses.

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